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## Who can remember?

# **Space shuttle Atlantis soars** on final voyage





# UN chief urges new global fight against piracy

UNITED NATIONS (AP) -Secretary-General Ban Ki-son of the European Union moon is calling for stepped-up global action to combat the "alarming" increase in pirate attacks, which topped 400 last

The U.N. chief told a General Assembly meeting on piracy yesterday that the largest concentration of attacks has been off the coast of East Africa.

Rear Admiral Peter Hud-Naval Force trying to combat piracy off the coast of Somalia said that between February and May, there has been "a huge surge" in the number of vessels going to sea for piracy.

Ban called for a reassessment of what's working and what needs to be improved to combat piracy.



CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP) – Space shuttle Atlantis thundered away on its final voyage to orbit yesterday, hoisting an experienced crew of six and a full shipment of space station gear.

Atlantis sped through a perfectly clear afternoon sky, blazing a trail over the Atlantic before huge crowds eager to catch one of the few remaining shuttle launches.

Its destination is the International Space Station, which was soaring over the South Pacific at the time of liftoff. The shuttle should catch up with the orbiting complex and its six residents Sunday.

More than 40,000 guests – the biggest launch-day crowd in years — descended on the Kennedy Space Center and the roads leading into it, all of them eager to witness Atlantis' last launch. The shuttle obliged, roaring off the pad right on time.

'Good luck, godspeed and have a little fun up there," launch director Mike Leinbach told the astronauts just before liftoff. He said he was speaking on behalf of all those who have worked on Atlantis since the beginning.

"If you don't mind, we'll take her out of the barn and make a few more laps around the planet," replied commander Kenneth Ham.

The astronauts — all repeat space fliers and all men couldn't resist a little humor before they got down to business. They showed up for their steak and cheeseburger breakfast wearing blue and black smoking jackets, white shirts and black bow ties. It was probably the most formal attire ever worn by astronauts on launch day, even it was just for a quick photo.

The only concern during yesterday's countdown involved a small ball bearing found in Atlantis' payload bay

earlier this week. Engineers scrambled to determine the bearing likely came from a spacewalk camera, and cleared the launch with just minutes remaining.

The 12-day mission is the last one for Atlantis, the fourth in NASA's line of space shuttles. Only two flights remain after this one, by Discovery and Endeavour. NASA plans to end the 30-year program by the end of this year.

Atlantis rocketed into orbit for the first time in 1985. This will be its 32nd trip and the 132nd shuttle flight overall.



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# Dutch boy told family died in Libya plane crash

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) – Relatives broke the news to a Dutch boy who is the sole survivor of a plane crash in Libya that his parents and brother died in the disaster, as authorities said the 9-year-old would return home today.

Rescuers found Ruben van Assouw still strapped in his seat and breathing in an area of desert sand strewn with the plane's debris. His father, mother and 11-year-old brother are believed to have been among the 103 people on board who were killed Wednesday when their flight from South Africa crashed short of the runway in Tripoli.

Since then, he has been undergoing treatment at a Tripoli hospital, with an aunt and uncle who rushed in from Amsterdam at his bedside.

Yesterday, his aunt and uncle released a statement saying they had told the boy of the deaths of his parents, Trudy and Patrick van Assouw, and his brother, Enzo.

"Under the circumstances Ruben is doing well. He sleeps a lot. Now and then he is awake and then he is alert," they said in the statement.

"We told Ruben this morning exactly what happened. He knows his parents and brother are dead. The whole family is going to bear the responsibility for Ruben's future," they said.

"We have two kinds of sorrow to deal with, because Ruben is in a terrible situation, but we have also lost family members," they said, adding for respect for their privacy. "The coming time will be a difficult period for us."

Dutch Foreign Ministry official Ed Kronenburg said Ruben would be taken home to the Netherlands today on a Libyan medical evacuation flight.

The child was recovering well after 4 1/2 hours of surgery to repair multiple fractures to his legs.

# New al Qaeda in Iraq chief vows blood-soaked days

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Al Qaeda in Iraq's new leader warned Shiites yesterday that "dark days soaked with blood" lie ahead and that a new campaign of attacks was under way.

The warning comes just days after Iraq was wracked by the worst attack this year, a series of coordinated bombings and assassinations that killed 119 people -- most of them Shiites and members of the security forces -- across 10 cities.

The Iraqi insurgent umbrella group, the Islamic State of Iraq, named al-Nasser Lideen Allah Abu Suleiman as its new minister of war, replacing the Egyptian Abu Ayyub al-Masri, killed in a U.S.-Iraqi military strike on a safe house in April. The ISI counts al Qaeda as one of its member groups.

"Wait for the long gloomy nights and dark days soaked with blood," said Abu Suleiman, addressing Iraq's "polytheistic rejecters," an insulting term for Shiites common among extremist Sunnis. "What is happening to you nowadays is just a drizzle."

He spoke in an audio recording posted on militant websites yesterday.

One of the major doctrinal disputes between Sunnis and Shiites can be traced back to the first three rulers of the Muslim community after the Prophet Muhammad. Shiites reject those first three successors as illegitimate.

Al Qaeda attacks on Shiite shrines in 2006 plunged the country into a bloody cycle of mutual sectarian attacks. A measure of fragile calm, however, has returned to Iraq in the past two years.

There are fears that with the new rounds of attacks, mostly targeting Shiites, al Qaeda is hoping to provoke a backlash against Sunnis and re-ignite the sectarian warfare that brought the country to the brink of civil war.

Abu Suleiman promised to "continue the path of jihad" and said his warriors had already begun "a new campaign of attacks on security and military checkpoints in Baghdad and elsewhere."

# Obama pledges end to 'cozy' oil relationships

WASHINGTON (AP) – President Barack Obama angrily decried the "ridiculous spectacle" of oil industry officials pointing fingers of blame for the catastrophic spill in the Gulf of Mexico and pledged yesterday to end a "cozy relationship" between the oil industry and federal regulators that he said had extended into his own administration.

Obama said he shared the "anger and frustration" felt by many Americans, and he acknowledged differing estimates about just how disastrous the damage from the leak could become. He said the administration's response has "always been geared toward the possibility of a catastrophic event."

As Obama spoke in the White House Rose Garden, undersea robots in the Gulf tried to thread a small tube into the jagged pipe that is spewing oil into the water. The blown-out well has pumped out more than 4 million gallons of crude.

BP engineers were trying to

move the 6-inch tube into the leaking 21-inch pipe, known as a riser. The smaller tube was to be surrounded by a stopper to keep oil from leaking into the sea.

The Gulf spill is not only a potential environmental and economic catastrophe. It also is a major political challenge for Obama to demonstrate that his administration is doing everything it can to deal with the disaster. An AP-GfK poll this week found that to this point the spill hasn't stained Obama nor dimmed the public's desire for offshore energy drilling. Although some conservative pundits have called this "Obama's Katrina," that's not how the public feels.

Obama slammed BP and other companies responsible for equipment involved in the spill for pointing fingers at each other instead of accepting responsibility.

But he said responsibility rests with the federal government, too, and that oil drilling permits had been granted without appropriate environmental reviews.

"That cannot and will not happen anymore," Obama said. He announced a new examination of the environmental reviews that must happen before oil and gas development goes forward.

With millions of gallons of oil fouling the fragile Gulf ecosystem after a drilling rig exploded April 20 and later sank, Obama said: "It's pretty clear that the system failed and it failed badly." Eleven workers were killed in the accident.

He said he would not be satisfied until the leak was stopped, the spill was cleaned up and all claims were paid.

Yesterday the president announced there would be more stringent environmental reviews, too.

The Interior Department said those will focus on whether the Minerals Management Service is following all environmental laws before issuing permits for offshore oil and gas development.

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# Fondo Desaroyo Aruba's project, center for education of prison guards, handed over

ORANJESTAD -- Last Wednesday, Mr.Mitchell Geerman of G & S Holdings & Contractors N.V. handed over the key of the "Opleidingscentrum KIA"- at Balashi, one of the projects of Fondo Desaroyo Aruba (FDA), to Minister of Justice Arthur Dowers. The center is part of KIA – Aruba's correctional institute for training and education of prison guards.

As part of the KIA Expansion and Renovation program for the year 2001-2005, is was deducted that the prison guards need to be better prepared educationally, to be more professional in the daily task of guarding prisoners. There is also a shortage of guards, who

are necessary to alleviate the daily workload at KIA and to improve the living conditions of prisoners.

The center has two locales for classes, one office and a toilet. The Project was granted to G & S Holdings & Contractors N.V." for an amount of AWG 1.017.537,-

Present at the occasion was Minister of Finance, Communication, Utilities and Energy Mike de Meza, who also represents FDA - fund for development on Aruba; President of the Board of FDA, Edwin Roos; representatives of the AIB Bank Projects and Programs Management under which the FDA resorts; and KIA management members.

My husband gave me a necklace. It's fake. I requested fake. Maybe I'm paranoid, but in this day and age, I don't want something around my neck that's worth more than my head.

Rita Rudner



The Aruba Hospitality and Security Foundation is shocked and saddened with the unexpected passing of Police Inspector Eric Zaandam, who has for many years been in charge of the Beach Police.

"We all have different paths along the way Our destination is a place far greater than we know For some the journey is fast For some the journey is slow And now that the journey has suddenly ended We will remember the good in the man for whom he was Do not stand at my grave and cry I am not there I did not die It's only for a while that we must part I will bless the memories within your heart I will always be with you"

To his wife and children we say: Remember that they are not gone who live in the hearts of those they leave behind.

President and Board AH&SF

# McNeil Consumer Healthcare medicines Tylenol, Motrin and Zyrtec recalled

ORANJESTAD – The Aruba Health Inspection Department informs the public in general of the recall of certain batches of children medicines Tylenol, Motrin and Zyrtec. The recall is because they're not manufactured according to quality standards. All drugstores on Aruba have received a list from the Aruba Health Inspection Department of the medicines to control if these medicines form part of their inventory.

Some of the products included in the recall may contain a higher concentration of active ingredient than is specified; others may contain inactive ingredients that may not meet internal testing requirements; and others may contain tiny particles. While the potential for serious medical events is remote, the company advises consumers who have purchased these recalled products to discontinue use.

The Health Inspection Department kindly ask all those

who are using these medicines to contact their drugstores.

The recalled products include the following:

# Concentrated Tylenol infants' drops bottles

- 1 oz. grape flavor, NDC No. 50580-144-01;
- 0.5 oz. grape flavor, NDC No. 50580-144-15 (this product is included in Johnson and Johnson's Baby Relief Kit);
- 1 oz. cherry dye free flavor, NDC No. 50580-167-01;
- 0.5 oz. cherry flavor, NDC No. 50580-143-15;
- 1 oz. cherry flavor, NDC No. 50580-143-30;
- 0.5 oz. grape-hospital,
  NDC No. 50580-144-18; and,
  0.25 oz. grape-sample,
  NDC No. 50580-144-40.

## Children's Tylenol suspension

- 2 oz. cherry blast flavor, NDC No. 50580-123-02;
- 4 oz. cherry blast flavor, NDC No. 50580-123-04;
- dye-free suspension 4 oz. cherry flavor, NDC No. 50580-166-04;

- 4 oz. grape splash, NDC No. 50580-296-04;
- 4 oz. bubblegum flavor, NDC No. 50580-407-04;
- 4 oz. very berry strawberry flavor, NDC No. 50580-493-04;
- 1 oz. cherry blast flavorsample, NDC No. 50580-123-01; and,
- 4 oz. cherry blast flavorhospital, NDC No. 50580-123-

# Children's Tylenol plus suspensions

- 4 oz. cough & sore throat cherry flavor, NDC No. 50580-247-04;
- 4 oz. cough & runny nose cherry flavor, NDC No. 50580-249-04;
- dye-free suspension 4 oz. cough & stuffy nose grape flavor, NDC No. 50580-253-04;
- dye-free suspension 4 oz. cold & cough grape flavor, NDC No. 50580- 254-04;
- dye-free suspension 4 oz. multisymptom cold grape flavor, NDC No. 50580-255-04;
  - 4 oz. flu bubblegum fla-

- vor, NDC No. 50580-386-04;
- 4 oz. cold grape flavor, NDC No. 50580-387-04;
- 4 oz. cold & allergy bubblegum flavor, NDC No. 50580-390-04; and,
- 4 oz. multi-symptom cold grape flavor, NDC No. 50580-391-04.

### Motrin infants' drops

- 1 oz. berry dye free, NDC No. 50580-198-01;
- 0.5 oz. berry dye free, NDC No. 50580-198-15; and,
- 0.5 oz. berry flavor, NDC No. 50580-100-15 (this product is included in Johnson and Johnson's Baby Relief Kit).

# Children's Motrin suspensions

- 4 oz. berry dye free, NDC No. 50580-184-04;
- 2 oz. berry flavor, NDC No. 50580-601-02;
- 4 oz. berry flavor, NDC No. 50580-601-04;
- 4 oz. tropical punch fla-
- vor, NDC No. 50580-215-04; • 4 oz. grape flavor, NDC No. 50580-603-04;
- 4 oz. bubblegum flavor,

- NDC No. 50580-604-04;
- 1 oz. grape-sample, NDC No. 50580-603-01;
- 1 oz. bubblegum-sample, NDC No. 50580-604-01;
- 1 oz. berry-sample, NDC No. 50580-601-01;
- 4 oz. berry-hospital, NDC No. 50580-601-50; and,
- 4 oz. cold berry flavor, NDC No. 50580-902-04.

## Children's Zyrtec liquids in bottles

- 4 oz. bubblegum syrup, NDC No 50580-721-04;
- dye-free 4 oz. grape syrup, NDC No 50580-730-04;
- sugar-free, dye-free 0.5 oz. grape, NDC No 50580-730-15;
- sugar-free, dye-free 0.5 oz. bubblegum, NDC No 50580-721-15; and,
- sugar-free, dye-free 2 x 4 oz. bubblegum liquid, NDC No 50580- 721-08.

## Children's Benadryl allergy liquids in bottles

• 4 oz. bubblegum flavor liquid.



# A perfect sunset wedding for Nicole and Attila



On April 23rd, Nicole Aubin and Attila Lengyel vowed eternal love to one another at Eagle Beach.

With a spectacular sunset as background the lovely couple got married, accompanied by friends and family members.

"Many friends and family members had visited and told us how much they loved being here," Nicole and Atilla commented.

"We came to the Amsterdam Manor Beach Resort for our wedding because of the pictures we had seen of previous weddings; they looked so beautiful. We loved the ambiance of the Manor, the whole experience was wonderful, Both Anne Maduro and Lissy Lampe had everything under control and offered great suggestions and guidance throughout the whole event. Our family and friends loved every part of it!

We strongly recommend Aruba to any couple looking for a gorgeous island to get married."

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lengyel from Amsterdam Manor Beach Resort and C & C.

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# Linda's Pancakes and Pizza place, delicious meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner

Linda's Pancake and Pizza place, located at Palm Beach 6D, Noord (on the right side of Valero gas station) offers patrons the most delicious Dutch pancakes and pizza's with a Dutch twist.

Open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., and only five minutes away from the high-rise resorts, Linda's is the perfect eatery for the whole family.

Seeing the popularity of this quaint small eatery ,THE MORNING NEWS decided it was time to find out just how good Linda's really is, by sending out a team of taste testers.

Olgita, joined by her two kids ordered a little of everything while the kids roamed around freely, enjoying the afternoon.

The meal started out with Linda's original plain - to die for - Dutch pancakes, followed by pizza, where instead of using mozzarella Linda has created a unique twist to the traditional Italian dish by using Dutch Gouda cheese. Adding a local favorite which could not stay off the table they also sampled the delicious saté (chicken, pork or beef on a wooden skewer) with peanut sauce (Indonesian influence on local food). For the finish the team (adults only) had one cup of Linda's delicious Espresso.

The team had this to say: "Superb! There are no words to describe just how delicious the pancakes are and the pizza is just mmm... good. The saté... out of this world!"

Besides the original plain pancake, Linda's specialty is pancakes with walnuts, Brie and honey; pancakes with banana and mango or a Dutch favorite: pancake with apple and bacon.

All their pizzas are made with Dutch Gouda cheese and different toppings making it richer in taste.

When it comes to saté, one has to say that the secret is in the sauce. Not everybody can make that perfect peanut sauce, but Linda, being an expert in the kitchen has cooked up one of the finest peanut sauces on the island, making this original Indonesian dish extra special.

If you want a specially prepared pancake or pizza, Linda is right there -- just for you -in her kitchen.

"For those who are allergic to gluten I have a special pan-



Olgita, Ilhan and Iyanla enjoying a scrumptious meal



Plain Pancake



Linda's delicious pizza prepared with Gouda Cheese



The famous Saté

cake mix, gluten free," Linda stated to THE MORNING NEWS team.

Linda's Pancakes and Pizza also offers fried eggs and homemade soups.

"We also serve American coffee," Linda concluded.

With a complete menu filled with delicious pancakes pizzas and more, Linda's pancake and Pizza place is the perfect casual restaurant for all in the family.

For more information contact Linda's at 586-3378.



### **Regis Philbin to** have blood clot removed from leg

 $NEW\ YORK-Talk\text{-}show\ host$ Regis Philbin will have a blood clot in his calf removed Tuesday, but he anticipates a speedy recovery.

The 78-year-old co-host of "Live! With Regis and Kelly" said on Friday's show said he expects to return the next day.

He says leg pain has made it difficult for him to walk and that "one of the things you've got to do when you get a new hip is continue to walk.'

# Management buyout BearingPoint **Dutch Caribbean**



Recently, BearingPoint Management & Technology Consultants held a formal reception for its clients and contacts to announce and celebrate some significant changes for the practice in recent months.

Firstly BearingPoint has concluded a management buyout of the local practice. BearingPoint Dutch Caribbean continues to offer consultancy and technology services on all islands of the Netherlands Antilles, Aruba, and in Suriname and the rest of the Caribbean region under the BearingPoint trademark. BearingPoint Europe and some parts of the Asia Pacific region also concluded a Management Buyout and are operating in their markets under the BearingPoint trade-

Secondly, Ir. Franco Diaz has been promoted to Managing Director of BearingPoint Dutch Caribbean. Franco, born in Bonaire, started his career with BearingPoint in 1993, after obtaining his degree in Technical Business Science from the University of Twente. He has been a key leader in the local practice for a great number of years and has contributed significantly to the growth of BearingPoint Dutch Caribbean.

And last but not least, as a result of the Management Buyout, Peter Grootens will once again be fully dedicated to the local practice, as part of the local Management Team together with Alan Henriquez and Franco Diaz. Peter brings years of leadership experience within BearingPoint International to the local practice and customers.

BearingPoint is a manage-

well as in the Netherlands and

Pictured the management team van BearingPoint Dutch Caribbean during the well attended reception, from left to right: Peter Grootens, Franco

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ment and technology consulting company, known for its deep industry knowledge and high customer satisfaction. The company has highly skilled and passionate management consultants and software engineers with broad project experience. BearingPoint is proud of their longstanding relationships with clients on all islands of the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba, and in recent months has added a number of prestigious new clients and projects to its portfolio. The company offers solutions in the areas of Information Technology, Software Engineering, Application Management Services, Management Consulting and Business Process Outsourcing. In order to sustain its growth, BearingPoint continues to invest in its people and solutions and is currently hiring significantly, locally as

Diaz and Alan Henriquez.

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# May 22 and 23 dedicated to female motorcycle riders Big Twin Aruba with its first female Harley ride



The month of May has been proclaimed International Female Motorcyclists month. This year, for the first time, Big Twin and other dealers around the world are honoring all women who hold on to the handlebars of their motorcycle, with a so-called "Garage Party." The goal is to give female motor cycle riders as much information as possible on the aspects of, i.e. security, outfit, and driving. All types of motorcycle are welcome, not only Harley-Davidson

The Garage Party will be on May 22. All ladies interested in motor cycling, but still need that last push to come to a decision to ride one, are welcome to assist. There will be different booths with information about motorcycling and safety, and also with games, snacks and music. Each participant has the chance to win various prizes. The ambiance promises to be great, so every woman without exception (rider or

not), who is interested in motorcycling, please call Big Twin at tel. 582-8660.

The celebration concludes on May 23 with a ride around Aruba to show everyone that the ladies can also ride. Riders of all brands of motorcycles and scooters are welcome. Come and ride with Big Twin proprietor Humphrey Hardeveld's daughter Sarah. Sarah together with her female committee will be hosting the event. Inscription is open and for only Afl.45, which includes a t-shirt, a pin, a band, food and drink. The event starts at 11 a.m. at Big Twin and ends at 5 p.m. at South Beach Mall with entertainment by 3SOM from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, readers may call Big Twin at tel. 582-8660 and ask for Sarah or Exina.

So ladies, don't miss this opportunity to make all women motorcycle riders



# Science/ Tech.

# **Facebook Unveils New Security Features**



Facebook took the wraps off Thursday on two new security features aimed at protecting users from phishers and other online scammers.

"At Facebook, we're constantly working on new ways to protect you from scams and help you keep your account and information secure," wrote Lev Popov, a Facebook software engineer, in a blog post late on Thursday afternoon.

"Today, we're announcing some new tools and systems designed to keep the bad guys out and keep you abreast of suspicious activity so you can quickly take action to correct it," Popov wrote.

One of the new features, now available to all Facebook users, is designed to allow users to approve the devices they use to log in and then be notified whenever their account is accessed from a device they haven't approved, Popov wrote. (Users can access the new feature under the Account Settings page.)

For instance, if a user lists her work desktop, her laptop and her iPhone, and then someone tries to log onto her page from a different machine, security will be triggered.

The user will be notified that another system has been used to try to access her account. They'll also receive information on how to reset their password and secure the account.

Facebook also is taking steps to block suspicious logons.

"When we see that someone is trying to access your account from an unusual device, we'll ask the person to answer an additional verification question to prove his or her identity as the real account owner," Popov wrote.

"For example, we might ask the person to enter a birth date, identify a friend in a photo or answer a security question if you've previously provided one. These questions are designed to be easy for you, and hard for a bad guy, and we've already seen some great results," he wrote.

The security announcement doesn't appear to be related to the company meeting that Facebook called, also on Thursday, to discuss its recent privacy issues.

In an e-mail to Computerworld this morning, a Facebook spokesman confirmed that the company will hold a meeting to discuss privacy concerns raised by individuals and lawmakers, but he would not say whether executives are looking to make changes to the site's highly contentious privacy policies.

# Rumor: BlackBerry Tablet Coming This Year?

## \*\*\* BlackBerry...

The news is buzzing as a leak from Hon Hai Precision Industry Co. Ltd. (via IntoMobile) states that it has received an order from Research in Motion for an 8.9-inch tablet. Hon Hai Precision Industry Co. Ltd, an Asian component supply company, is the same company that produces the Kindle for Amazon.

The sources state that the device will be able to sync with your other BlackBerry devices, making it a "companion device" similar to the canceled Palm Foleo.

According to Boy Genius Report, the tablet will not

have any cellular networking built in and will therefore rely on the Bluetooth or the built in Wi-Fi to tether to your Blackberry Smartphone. The device is designed for multimedia like emailing and web browsing and may even include GPS.

The BlackBerry tablet, codenamed "Cobalt," will be challenged coming into the market so late with the Apple iPad already on the market and with other tablets from Asus, Android, HTC and other companies already on their way. It is expected to be released late this year, possibly in December, but rumors are that the team is attempting to release it earlier if possible

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# **World's Lizards Under Threat from Climate Change**



Lizards may like to laze around in the sun, but a hotter planet is bad news for these reptiles, a new study suggests.

A major survey of lizard populations worldwide has found an alarming pattern of population extinctions attributable to rising temperatures. If current extinction trends continue, 20 percent of all lizard species could go extinct by 2080, the new study found.

The current and projected losses are directly attributed to climate warming since 1975, according to the study,

which is detailed in the May 14 issue of the journal Science.

"We did a lot of work on the ground to validate the model and show that the [current] extinctions are the result of climate change," said Barry Sinervo, an ecologist and evolutionary biologist at the University of California, Santa Cruz. "None of these are due to habitat loss. These sites are not disturbed in any way, and most of them are in national parks or other protected areas."

Although the researchers' predictions for 2080 could change if humans are able to slow global climate change, it does appear that lizards have crossed a threshold for extinctions - and that their sharp decline will continue for decades at least, the researchers say.

The researchers estimate that 6 percent of lizard species will be extinct by 2050, a number they say is unlikely to change because the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide hangs around in the atmosphere for decades.

While lizards are depend-

ent on basking in the sun to warm up, if the temperature is too hot, lizards overheat and retreat into the shade, and then they can't hunt for food, Sinervo said.

Detailed surveys of 48

Detailed surveys of 48 lizard populations from 200 different sites in Mexico from 1975 to 2009 indicate the temperature in those regions has changed too rapidly for the lizards to keep pace. Similar results showed up at other locations around the world. The research team also found that climate change is occurring too rapidly for lizards to compensate with physiological adaptations to higher body temperatures by modeling extinction risk.

"How quickly can Earth's lizards adapt to the rising global temperatures? That's the important question," Sinervo said. "We are actually seeing lowland species moving upward in elevation, slowly driving upland species extinct, and if the upland species can't evolve fast enough then they're going to continue to go extinct."

Once local populations of lizards disappear, entire species extinction is not far behind, Sinervo said.

The disappearance of lizard populations is likely to have repercussions up and down the food chain, the researchers noted. Lizards are important prey for many birds, snakes, and other animals, and they are important predators of insects.

The global projections are based on data on lizard body temperatures, historical data on the geographic distributions of different species, detailed past and present maximum air temperature maps, and climate projections, which assume a continuation of current trends in carbon dioxide emissions from human activities.

# Mom's Voice Just as Comforting as a Hug

Moms can bring comfort, even at a distance, a new study finds.

The results show simply hearing mom's voice over the phone works just as well at calming nerves of stressed children as does a real-life pat on the shoulder.

The soothing effect is likely due to the release of the hormone oxytocin in the brain, the researchers say. This "love hormone" is known to quell stress, and is

likely involved in social bonding, including that between a mother and a child.

Previous work has revealed this hormone was released during physical contact from mom.

"But it's clear from these results that a mother's voice can have the same effect as a hug, even if they're not standing there," said study researcher Leslie Seltzer, a biological anthropologist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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## **HEALTH & LIVING**

# Herbal Supplements, Warfarin can be hazardous mix

Garlic, ginkgo, St John's Wort could all upset bleeding/clotting balance, study found

People taking the prescription blood thinner warfarin (Coumadin) may up their risk for health complications if they also take herbal or non-herbal supplements, new research reveals.

In fact, eight out of the 10 most popular supplements in the United States could spark safety concerns with respect to warfarin, while also impacting the drug's effectiveness.

"I specifically looked at warfarin use, but the real issue is that even though herbal supplements fall under the category of food, and they're not regulated like prescription drugs, they still have the effects of a drug in the body," cautioned study author Jennifer L. Strohecker, a clinical pharmacist at Intermountain Medical Center in Salt Lake City.

"Warfarin is a very highrisk medication, which can be associated with severe consequences when it's not managed properly," she added. "However, warfarin is derived from a plant, sweet clover. In fact, many of our prescription drugs came from plants. So, it's very important for patients to recognize that just because an herb is marketed not like a prescription drug [that] doesn't mean it doesn't have similar effects in the body."

To gauge how these products might interact with warfarin, the researchers ranked the 20 most popular herbals and 20 most popular non-herbal supplements based on 2008 sales data, and then looked at how their use affected both clotting tendency and bleeding.

More than half of the herbal and non-herbal supplements were found to have either an indirect or direct impact on warfarin. Nearly two-thirds of all the supplements were found to raise the risk for bleeding among patients taking the blood thinner,



while more than one-third hampered the effectiveness of the medication.

An increase in bleeding risk was specifically linked to the use of cranberry, garlic, ginkgo and saw palmetto supplements, the team said.

Glucosamine/chondroitin, essential fatty acids, multiherb products, evening primrose oil, co-enzyme Q10, soy, melatonin, ginseng and St. John's wort all affected warfarin's effectiveness so much so that they prompted a need for adjustments in the drug's prescribed dosage.

"I'm not against herbal

supplement use at all," Strohecker stressed. "But physicians need to proactively discuss this issue with their patients because of the consequences that can occur."

Dr. Richard L. Page, a cardiologist and chair of medicine at University of Wisconsin, Madison, and president of the Heart Rhythm Society, believes the larger problem here is poor patient-doctor communication.

"Doctors don't always know what their patients are taking," he said. "Supplements may perform a very good service. Or they may not be providing the sort of care that patients are looking for when they're essentially self-medicating. And where this becomes especially important is that these supplements can interact with the prescription drugs that your doctor may be giving you."

"This report is important," Page said, "because they look at a very common drug, warfarin, which has a narrow therapeutic window. Which means too much is bad cause you bleed, and too little is bad because it won't do the job of thinning the blood that you want. So the bottom line is, be careful of adding new supplements if you are on existing prescription medications, and talk to your doctor if you do."

A representative of the supplements industry took a slightly different view.

Duffy MacKay, vice president of scientific and regulatory affairs for the D.C.-based Council for Responsible Nutrition, the leading dietary supplement industry trade association, said that, "the issue here is really more with warfarin."

"It's just a very sensitive medication," he said. "Warfarin itself has a huge list of drugs, foods and over-the-counters that it interacts with. If you take too much or too little, it can become dangerous."

"So it's sort of a form of sensationalism to suggest that here you have this situation with dietary supplements specifically," MacKay added.



# Fun project in Maristella New cooking project needs volunteers





A repaired oven, a set of superb pots and pans and quite a number of cooking utensils are waiting for some enthusiastic volunteers who are willing to spend a bit of their time with a group of elderly people. At Maristella, home for senior citizens in Savaneta, the oven stands ready to be lit; the only thing lacking is a supervisor. Three delicious chickens were cooked last week; together with fried banana, spinach and boiled potatoes, they made a meal fit for kings and queens, and everyone had a blast eating. Pancakes came before that.

A group of Maristella clients is now looking forward

to their next 'home cooked' meal, which they help prepare themselves. The cooking project is led by Flora de Bie, who stimulates the appetite of those who do not eat so well this way. The cutting, slicing and preparing of the meal is painstakingly done by the clients

"We just need somebody to oversee the cookling and who can put the finished product on the table," says Flora.

People who would like to volunteer a few hours of their time per week to help make life more fun for these senior citizens, please call 5931032 – Flora de Bie.

# Acqua Condominiums Aruba reports accelerated construction pace





Acqua Condominiums Aruba reports that the first wing of the East Tower has reached the highest point of construction. Developers have just poured the 14th floor concrete beams, and are gearing up for the launch of the second wing construction.

Mid-year, Acqua Condominiums Aruba will be pouring the foundation for the South Tower, and begin work on community amenities such as the lagoon-style pool and tropical garden, the club house, business center, spa, restaurant and grand lobby, followed by the debut of the North Tower and the completion of the entire ambitious project by 2012.

Built on 30.278 m2 of property land this exciting condominium project continues to attract buyers and investors, lured by the upscale elegance of the complex Mansions, Penthouses, Suites, Studios and Residences.

General Manager Jenner Florez and Managing Director

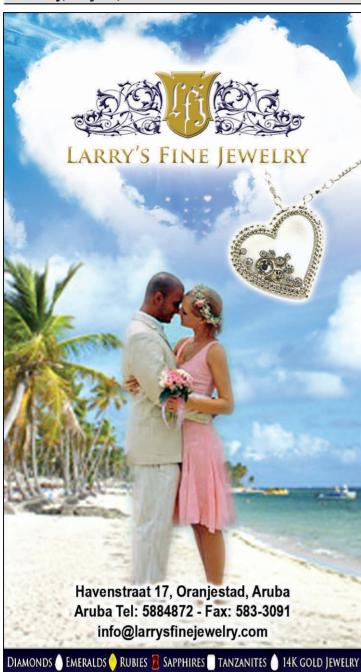




Oscar Helmeyer report that the development company is planning on doubling its workmen capacity within the next few weeks. Construction specialists recently laid off by the oil refinery will find new employment at Acqua Condominiums as plumbers, electricians and carpenters join the force in order to work on building the interiors.

"Work on the site has been in full swing since January 11th, when construction workers returned from their well-deserved Christmas vacation," explains Helmeyer. "And we are at the moment in negotiations with the department of labor to extend the number of work hours to 18 a day, maintaining two full-shifts of laborers, and resulting in accelerated construction pace."

Acqua Condominiums Aruba began construction one year ago, and has been met with great enthusiasm from the get go. A stylish and contemporary sales center on Palm Beach, on the construction site, includes a number of model apartments with Kohler bathrooms and faucets, European style kitchens with granite tops, brand-name appliances, porcelain tiles, floor to ceiling UV-filtered hurricane proof windows and doors, all tastefully furnished and finished, and available for viewing.



# **Special Aruba friends honored** as Distinguished Visitors of **Aruba**



Recently, Fred Warner and Barbara Lamphere were honored as Distinguished Visitors of Aruba. The have been vacationing here for more than 10 years. They stated the reason for coming back year after year is our nice weather, beautiful beaches, exquisite restaurants and, most of all, our friendly people. Aruba Tourism Authority associate Ricardo Croes handed Bianca a beautiful certificate thanking them for their love for our island. Also present at the occasion was Paradise Beach Villas Resort associate Bianca.



# Jibison is the new salsa sensation at Garufa



For the past few weeks, Saturday is Salsa Night at Garufa cocktail lounge with the new musical combo, Jibison, with popular local vocalist Anna Para.

The ensemble was put together by musician at heart Nino Kelly, famous for his baby back ribs at the end of main-street. The band played on his open air terrace for a while as Jibison 4, with just four musicians, before it was discovered by David Gross Garcia the manager of Garufa Cigar & Cocktail Lounge who invited them to play at the club.

Kelly who is the band's bongo player reports that the original band members brought some of their friends along and that is how the ensemble grew to six and even seven, on special occasions. Piano man Lucho Argote, the band's musical director is currently working to expand the band's repertory to play contemporary Latin rock/pop fa-



vorites by Juanes, and Maná seating is limited. for example, in addition to the excellent Salsa, Merenge, Bachata and Cuban style Son Montuno hits.

Jibison recently released its first single recording which is doing very well on the air, and is played often by the local radio DJs.

Check the band out at Garufa tonight, but come early as

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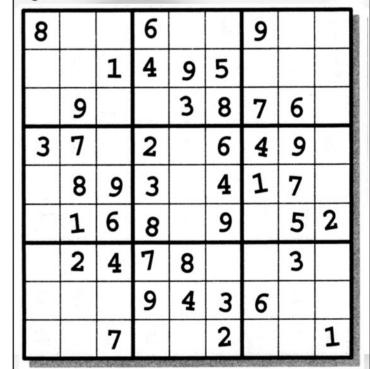
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# 'Mahindra to sell first Indian-made vehicle in US'

NEW DELHI, India – Auto maker Mahindra & Mahindra is set to become the first company to sell an Indian-made vehicle in the US market, a report said yesterday.

Pawan Goenka, president of Mahindra's auto and farmequipment operations, said the company would launch a compact diesel pickup truck in the United States by the end of the year .The 2.2-litre, four-cylinder vehicle will be assembled in India before being exported.

He added that the model had been road-tested in line with US government requirements and should be certified by the US Environmental Protection Agency no later than July.

# Daimler to pull shares off New York Stock Exchange

DETROIT, Michigan (AP) – German car maker Daimler AG wants to pull its shares off the New York Stock Exchange

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due to low trading volume and to reduce the complexity of its financial reports, the company said yesterday.

Daimler, the maker of Mercedes-Benz and Smart automobiles and one-time owner of Chrysler, told the stock exchange of its intentions yesterday, and has applied for delisting with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, spokesman Han Tjan said.

Normally it takes about 10 business days from the application date for the shares to be removed from the exchange, Tjan said

# Stocks tumble on worries about European growth

NEW YORK – Stocks dropped again yesterday after concerns grew that the deep spending cuts under Europe's bailout plan could slow a global recovery. The euro dropped to a 19-month low.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 175 points in afternoon trading following a slide of more than 3 percent in European markets. Investors seeking safety piled into Treasurys, the dollar and gold, which hit another record. Crude oil sank 4 percent, and an indicator of stock market volatility jumped.

Currency traders have been moving out of the euro throughout the week because of concerns that cost-cutting measures in countries like Greece, Spain and Portugal would slow the economy on the continent and elsewhere. Now stock investors are also looking at those same problems.

"Clearly the action in the euro is reflecting the fact that at least currency investors don't think the bailout plan plus the austerity measures are sufficient," said Uri Landesman, president of Platinum Partners in New York. "The euro is leading the market down."

There were also concerns about corporate profits. Shares of credit card companies tumbled after the Senate voted to force them to reduce fees for debit card transactions. Visa fell 10.1 percent, while Mastercard lost 8.6 percent.

Earlier in the week, stocks

rose sharply after a nearly \$1 trillion rescue package was launched by the European Union and International Monetary Fund in hopes of containing a debt crisis in Greece.

But the glow from the bailout package has faded throughout the week, pushing the euro down sharply against the dollar. The spike in the dollar has hit the prices for oil and other commodities, hurting major U.S. energy and materials companies.

Investors now worry that the spending cuts in Europe being called for in the bailout package will curtail the ability of weaker countries like Spain and Portugal to grow their way out of a recession. More strikes are expected in Spain and Greece as workers protest cuts in pensions and other public spending.

The euro, which is used by 16 countries, slid as low as \$1.2359 in New York, its weakest point since October 2008. The euro has dropped more than 6 percent since the beginning of the month and is close to its lowest level in four years.

In early afternoon trading, the Dow fell 175.11, or 1.6 percent, to 10,607.84. It had been down as much as 241 points.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 22.55, or 2 percent, to 1,134.89, while the Nasdaq composite index fell 56.14, or 2.3 percent, to 2,338.22.

Stocks extended losses from Thursday, when the Dow

fell about 114 points. A lackluster report on weekly jobless claims and a disappointing forecast from department store Kohl's drove major indexes lower. A slide in the euro also hit the market late in the day.

Treasurys jumped, pushing down yields. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note fell to 3.44 percent from 3.53 percent late Thursday.

The Chicago Board Options Exchange's Volatility Index — known as the market's fear gauge, jumped 18.1 percent.

Gold hit a record of \$1,249.70 an ounce before retreating to \$1,227.50.

Crude oil fell \$2.56 to \$71.84 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Investors looked past improved reports on April retail sales and industrial production.

The Commerce Department said sales rose 0.4 percent in April. That was double the forecast by economists polled by Thomson Reuters. It was the seventh straight monthly rise in sales, providing hope that a consumer rebound will hold and help the economy grow.

The Federal Reserve said industrial production rose 0.8 percent in April, better than the 0.6 percent growth forecast by economists. It was the biggest jump in output from the nation's factories, mines and utilities since January.

Manufacturing growth has been steady in recent months as the sector plays a leading role in the domestic recovery.

# Gov't data show solid recovery but concerns remain

WASHINGTON (AP) – The economy is being boosted by higher retail sales, stronger factory output and a rise in companies' stockpiles.

That picture emerged from reports yesterday pointing to an economy that's improving modestly but steadily after the worst recession in decades. Yet the recovery needs stronger job creation, and it remains under pressure from fears that Europe's debt crisis could slow the U.S. economy.

"The decent gains in payroll employment in recent months have improved the outlook for spending," said Paul Dales, an economist at Capital Economics. But Dales said he expects a sub-par recovery because of high unemployment, tight credit and still-high debt loads.

Consumers drove retail sales up 0.4 percent last month. The gain was less than the 2.1 percent growth in March. But

that surge was boosted by an early Easter holiday and auto incentives.

Shoppers are closely watched because their spending accounts for 70 percent of economic activity. It rose in the first three months of this year at the fastest pace in three years, according to the Commerce Department report.

Industrial production also climbed in April, posting an 0.8 percent gain. Factories, the biggest slice of industrial activity, ratcheted up output by a brisk 1 percent for a second straight month, the Federal Reserve report showed. Manufacturers have played a leading role in powering the recovery. They are boosting production because companies are starting to restore their depleted stockpiles of goods.

As evidence of that trend, business inventories grew for a third straight month in March,

Commerce said in a separate report. Inventories rose 0.4 percent. And total business sales gained 2.3 percent — the sixth straight increase and the best showing in four months.

Still, consumers and businesses appear less confident than in previous recoveries. Complicating the outlook is the uncertainty in Europe. Yesterday, investors looked past three mostly positive government reports on the U.S. economy and focused instead on the growing debt crisis overseas. The Dow Jones industrial average fell more than 200 points in midday trading.

Driving retail sales was a 6.9 percent rise in spending at hardware stores. That was nearly as strong as the March increase in that sector. A spree of home-buying this spring aided by a tax credit that expired last month likely led to more home improvements.



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# A must see while on Aruba!

# **Baby Beach**



BABY BEACH, is a shallow, sheltered man-made lagoon located in Seroe Colorado, on the southeast end of the island of Aruba, and is frequented by locals and tourists alike. It is named Baby Beach as the water is so calm it is safe for small children. The snorkeling at this location is great for children or travelers new to snorkeling.

The benefits of this beach include the lack of waves and that nearby waters are shallow enough to stand. The water in the deeper areas, as well as around the rest of Aruba, is cool and refreshing year-round. There is a large Valero

oil refinery within sight of Baby Beach. However, because of the direction of local currents, Baby Beach still has very clean, clear water. In the past, Baby Beach's popularity led it to become somewhat littered. However, clean-up programs have largely restored the beach to a pristine condition.

The water level is generally waist high on the inside, but towards the inlet, it deepens significantly. Marine life includes barracuda, squid, parrot fish, blowfish, angel fish, eels, snakes and a lot of other small fish, although the range of most of these animals is limited to the inlet.



# Great steaks are a family tradition at El Gaucho Restaurant





Mix Grill

Aruba's longest established and most popular Argentinean steakhouse, El Gaucho, is still going strong after 33 successful years. Two-time winner of the prestigious Wine Spectator Award of Excellence, the restaurant proudly displays the numerous accolades it has received from other such notable wine and food societies as Chaîne des Rôtisseurs, as well as coveted awards for excellence such as the Worldwide Marketing Organization of Mexico, Golden Trophy for Quality Award of Excellence from France, Arch of Europe for Quality from Business Initiative Directions of Germany and International Award for Tourism, Hotel and Catering Industry from Spain.

Recognized around the world for its quality of service and cuisine, El Gaucho's heartiest applause comes from its loyal clientele, who recommend the restaurant to friends and family with complete confidence in their satisfaction.

When asking a frequent island visitor where they go for a great steak, you will find most frequently their #1 choice will be The Gaucho Steak; a generous portion of prime tenderloin, charcoal-grilled to per-

### **T-Bone**

fection. El Gaucho Restaurant also boasts the biggest shishkebab in the Caribbean, as well as a varied menu of fresh local fish and seafood, and everyone's favorite cut of steak and ribs.

2009 has brought some welcome changes; an expanded food and wine menu and the restaurant is now open on Sundays. A variety of lamb and veal dishes now garnish the menu, as well as a hearty 20-oz rib eye to satisfy your appetite.

El Gaucho Restaurant is open for lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday from 11:30 a.m. until 11:00 p.m., and on Sunday from 5:30 p.m.

# Grow-Your-Own-Rice bra

A model shows Triumph International's "Grow-Your-Own-Rice bra" in Tokyo, Japan. The bra, which transforms into a rice growing kit, allows the wearer to cultivate rice anytime, anywhere. It was created in hopes that more people will become familiar with farming and develop awareness of the importance of agriculture, the lingerie maker said

Female urban farmers keen to keep their agricultural hobby close to their heart can now grow their own rice in the special bra.

The bra, made of recyclable plastic, can be tied together to create pots that also double as the cups. These are then filled with soil, and rice seedlings, that are watered through a hose that also doubles as a belt that goes around the wearer's waist.

The bra also comes with gardening gloves.





# The Road to 2010 FIFA World CUP

# Gullit goes green as FIFA receives bid books

ZURICH, Switzerland - Former Netherlands captain Ruud Gullit has promised the greenest World Cup ever, including two million free bicycles for fans, if his country and Belgium win the right to stage the 2018 or 2022 World Cups.

The two-nation delegation, also including Johan Cruyff and former Belgium international Paul van Himst, emphasised their point by arriving at the headquarters of FIFA, soccer's world governing body, on bicycles for Friday's bid handover ceremony.

Australia kicked off the proceedings in which the nine candidates handed over the so-called 'bid book', a huge document containing details of their plans for hosting the event, to FIFA president Sepp Blatter.

They were followed by England, with David Beckham presenting the document to Blatter, and Netherlands/Belgium.

FIFA will decide the hosts for both tournaments on Dec 2 and the 2018 finals are widely expected to go to a European country.

Australia, England, Japan, Netherlands/Belgium, Russia, Spain/Portugal and the United States are bidding for the 2018 or 2022 finals while Qatar and South Korea are bidding for the finals in 2022 only.

Blatter said joint bids would be treated with the same consideration as single bids

"We will not make a difference if there is a combined bid or a single bid," he said, having in the past been quoted as saying bids with



Dutch soccer legend Ruud Gullit (front) and the other members of the Dutch-Belgium bid committee for the 2018 or 2022 Soccer World Cup arrive on bicyclesbefore an official handover ceremony at the FIFA headquarters in Zurich

two nations were less likely to be successful.

LIMOUSINES

Most delegations turned up in limousines but the Dutch and Belgians, led by former Netherlands and AC Milan forward Gullit, made a more unorthodox entry.

"It will be the greenest World Cup ever with an environment protection plan the world has never seen before," said Gullit, who is president of the bid.

"The games will be played in 14 truly green stadiums. The compactness of our countries is a great asset -- due to the short distance the next game is never far away and we will offer the fans a network of free public transport and two million free bikes.

"In the Low Countries, everyone can go to the stadiums by bike, just like we arrived this morning."

Beckham emphasised England's passion for football and the country's cultural diversity.

"Football runs through our veins," he told Blatter in his speech. "We are all brought up on it.

"As a player nothing could possibly beat playing in front of your own fans in your own country at the World

Cup."
POLITICAL HEAVY-WEIGHTS

Other countries brought on political heavyweights, with First Deputy Prime Minister Igor Shuvalov representing Russia and Sheikh Mohammed bin Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani, son of the Emir of Qatar, putting the case for the Middle East country.

"We consider it a great privilege to be representing the Middle East," said AlThani, whose country has promised to build 12 air-conditioned stadiums if it wins.

"It's a first for the region. If we are awarded the World Cup, rest assured that the imprint left on our area of the world would be everlasting.

"In the same way that the World Cup is set to open its doors to Africa later this year, we hope that they will open to the Middle East in 2022."

Shuvalov said: "In hosting the World Cup, it is our entire country as well as our football that would make progress. And with all due respect to the other candidates, I am convinced that only Russia can succeed."

Japan and South Korea jointly hosted the 2002 event while England were hosts in 1966, the United States in 1994 and Spain in 1982. The other candidates are bidding for their first World Cup.

A FIFA inspection team will visit all the candidates before the final decision is made.

# Report: France Squad to be trimmed to 24 by Monday

The untidy saga of the naming of France's World Cup squad is set to take another step closer to completion on Monday, when coach Raymond Domenech is set to trim a provisional panel of 30 down to 24.

'Dom' was expected to name a definitive list of 23 names last Tuesday evening, but he sidestepped expectations by changing his mind and naming a panel of 30 at the last minute, giving him further time to ruminate. Six days later, he is set to cut six men from his list.

Apparently, Domenech wants to take 24 players to Tignes, where les Bleus will undergo a training camp, but there is still significant doubt over the fitness of Arsenal centre-back William Gallas, hence the additional player to the 23-man panel FIFA rules allow for the World Cup.

France are destined to stay at L'Ecrin du Val Claret, where they camped before the 2006 World Cup finals, during which they were defeated by Italy in the final on penalty kicks. Superstition has drawn Domenech back to the venue, though the coach must hope this rather shambolic week is not repeated over the course of the next two months.

# Pato Disappointed With Brazil Exclusion

Pato is trying to stay upbeat despite the blow of missing out on the World Cup.

Milan striker Alexandre Pato is trying to stay modest and patient after being left out of Carlos Dunga's Brazil World Cup squad.

And, despite his disappointment after learning his summer fate, the Milan hitman is looking forward.

"The World Cup? Yes, I had believed in it until the end... It's a shame, but I am still young," Pato told Il Corriere dello Sport.

"I will work hard so that I can be ready for the Brazil World Cup in 2014."

Continued links between Pato and Chelsea have become a vexing issue, but he is trying to reassure fans that there will be no exit from Milan.

"I am a Milan player and happy to be one. I have a deal until 2014 and I want to respect it. I want the fans to have faith in me," he concluded.

# Group A

South Africa Mexico Uruguay France

## **Group E**

Netherlands Denmark Japan Cameroon

# Group B

Argentina Nigeria Korea Republic Greece

## Group F

Italy Paraguay New Zealand Slovakia

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England USA Algeria Slovenia

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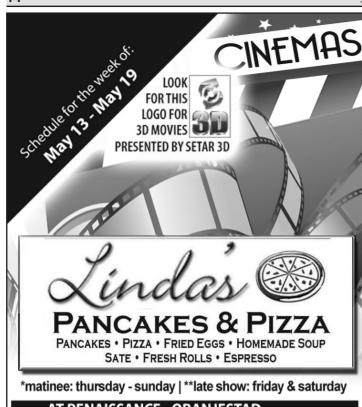
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# Cavs, LeBron's futures uncertain after loss

CLEVELAND – No ring. And, maybe, no King.

Now that Cleveland's NBA championship dreams have vanished, a cold, bitter truth has settled over a franchise and sports-tortured city in need of a hug.

A stunning loss to the Boston Celtics in the second round of the playoffs has hastened a summer that came quicker than anyone imagined, and opened up the possibility of a major shakeup as two-time MVP LeBron James prepares for free agency.

Cleveland had the league's best record for the second straight regular season but was exposed as an incomplete team by the Celtics, who beat them in six games.

The Cleveland Cavaliers are keeping coach Mike Brown — for now.

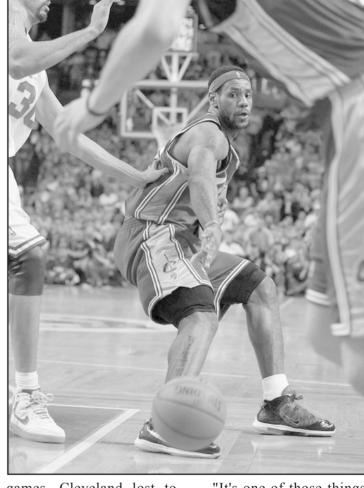
Team owner Dan Gilbert refuted a report Friday that Brown had been fired.

"That's not true," he said during a news conference. "We are right now just going through the evaluation process."

He said the team expects to have answers in the next week to 10 days.

"I don't think it's a secret coaching is one of the things we'll look at," Gilbert said

Brown was the league's coach of the year last season when the Cavs won 66



games. Cleveland lost to Orlando in the conference finals, however, and it was assumed Brown would have to get the team closer to a championship to keep his job.

Instead, the Cavs regressed. But Gilbert insisted the team didn't quit against Boston.

"It's one of those things that you can't believe it after it's happened," Gilbert said. "I feel bad for the fans more than anybody."

The loss opened up the possibility of a major shakeup as two-time MVP LeBron James prepares for free agency.

The LeBron watch began at 10:53 p.m. Thursday, when Rondo dribbled out the last 14 seconds and the Celtics began celebrating their 4-2 victory in the best-of-seven series.

James is eligible to opt out of his contract this summer, a move that would make the two-time MVP—and zero-time NBA champion—a free agent and set off a scramble for his services from New York to Miami to Los Angeles and, of course, back in Cleveland.

"Of course, we fully believe that, sweepstakes, in the running, whatever, I think this is the best franchise for him to play at," Gilbert said.

### **CONFERENCE FINALS**



WESTERN CONF.
ORLANDO VS. BOSTON
SUN, MAY 16
TUE, MAY 18

EASTERN CONF.
L.A. LAKERS VS. PHOENIX
MON, MAY 17
WED, MAY 19

# 'A great rider keeps a good horse out of trouble'



Super Saver

**BALTIMORE** (AP)—Ajockey can change what he does from race to race, but not who he is.

Even before Calvin Borel knew how to ride a horse, he knew exactly where he planned to ride nearly every one of them—along the rail, if only because it's the shortest way around every oval. Never mind that even a single slip-up down at the bottom of the racetrack can ruin your day, not to mention the rest of your life. Borel made peace with that risk-reward factor a long time ago.

So if nothing else, that should make this Preakness a true test of just how great a rider he has become. Because no matter how loud his instincts are screaming, the last place Borel plans to be late Saturday afternoon is in that well-worn groove.

"It's a different style, I guess," Borel said about his bread-and-butter tactic. "But you have to have the horse to get through there. At Churchill Downs, you can be along the rail. Somewhere else, you don't want to be along the rail, no sir."

And what about here at Pimlico?

Borel looked up and slowly shook his head from side to side, almost mournfully.

"No, sir," he said.

At midday Friday, several hundred fans were lined up in the grandstand at Pimlico for an autograph session featuring Borel, a half-dozen other Preakness riders, and the

same number of former great female jockeys. Being a celebrity is still new to Borel, who at age 43 is closing in on 5,000 career wins, yet was largely ignored by elite owners and trainers until almost four years ago.

In short order, he rode Street Sense to victories in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile in the fall of 2006 and then again the following spring in the Kentucky Derby. Since then, Borel has wrapped his hands around nearly every big prize in sight: two more Derbys, a Preakness and the Kentucky Oaks aboard filly Rachel Alexandra.

Still in the saddle atop Super Saver and fresh off his latest Derby win, he guaranteed the big bay colt would end thoroughbred racing's 32-year wait for another Triple Crown champion.

"He's the 'now guy', there's no question about that," said D. Wayne Lukas, who will send Dublin to the post and leads all active trainers with 13 Triple Crown wins. "He's riding with such confidence. He's always been very confident, but he's riding with extreme confidence right now. He thinks he's invincible.

The funny thing is Borel felt that way almost from the beginning. He grew up in that part of Louisiana known as Cajun country, which also produced jockeys Randy Romero, Kent Desormeaux, and Shane Sellers. His brother, Cecil, was 12 years older and already training when the only duty Calvin could be entrusted with was walking horses around the barn. One day, Cecil started lining up barrels in Calvin's path, forcing his kid brother and the horses to go wider and wider.

"I was taught everything before I knew how to really ride and before I even got on a horse," he said. "That helped me a lot, made me come a long way.'

Most trainers consider jockeys a necessary evil, one step up the evolutionary ladder from the beasts they ride. Some trainers, though, aren't convinced it's a full step.

"There's no use giving them instructions," the late Hall of Famer Charlie Whittingham once complained, "because by the time they go from the paddock to the race track, they've already forgot-ten them. There's a reason why jockeys wear size 3 1/2

But Borel gets more respect than most.

Trainer Bob Baffert, who will saddle Lookin At Lucky and has won eight Triple Crown races himself, had no problem switching jockeys from Garrett Gomez in the Derby to Martin Garcia here. But when a rider is at the top of his game—the way Borel is at the moment—even topflight trainers know enough to keep those instructions to a minimum.

"Some guys try riding down there, bump off the rail and don't go back. It takes real nerve, but he's got a knack where he can really get a horse to really relax. Calvin just gets that loop and gives it this," Baffert paused, pretending he was holding the reins, "and next thing you know they're just galloping along free and easy.

The definition of a great rider is a guy who keeps a good horse out of trouble. A lot of guys don't learn that until they get older. They get that confidence going and it translates to the horse. They feel fear. They feel when you're scared. But Calvin is fearless," Baffert added. "He's like that guy from Avatar. He just plugs in and goes wherever he wants.

Stopping Borel from doing just that is practically the mission statement for all the other riders in this race. The scuttle on the backstretch barely 24 hours from post time is that Desormeaux, a fellow Caiun who will ride Paddy O'Prado, will do most of the early work.



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### Garnett, Nelson fueled by lost time in East finals

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—

They were superstars in suits.
Boston's Kevin Garnett
and Orlando's Jameer Nelson, sidelined with injuries in last year's second-round playoff series, were diminished to spectators on the bench. The feisty competitors could only make their presence known through words.

"We were talking so much trash to each other, it felt like we were in the game," Nelson said. "Probably the whole entire game, I'd say 65 percent of it actually, we spent looking down at each other's bench talking trash to each other."

Anything to feel a part of the playoffs.

The injuries to each last season, in their own ways, became the symbol of why their teams fell short. Now healthy and playing their best basketball of the season, both get a shot at redemption when the Celtics and Magic meet in the Eastern Conference finals beginning Sunday.

"I'm quite sure he's feeling the same way I'm feeling," Nelson said. "I have a chip on my shoulder, and I'm going to go out there and try to seize this moment because there's nothing promised to you." Last year proved that.

They were hit hard with injuries last February after making the All-Star team. The injury to Garnett's right knee led to surgery to remove bone spurs in the summer; Nelson tore the labrum in his right shoulder and had what was then-called season-

ending surgery.
Garnett, the centerpiece of Boston's 2008 championship, was out for the playoffs, crushing the Celtics' dreams of a repeat. They lost to the Magic in seven games.

The Big Ticket was slowed again by the knee and other injuries this season. But Garnett has regained his rhythm in the past few months, and he averaged 18.8 points per game in Boston's series win over LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers.

'Over the course of the season, I've been fortunate to be healthy, and I can honestly say each month I've gotten stronger," Garnett said. "I don't know, the playoffs come around, it's time to pick it up another notch and that's all I've been trying to do. Nothing more than that, less than that.'





# 'Law & Order' is canceled by NBC

NEW YORK – The venerable police-courtroom drama "Law & Order" has been axed

NBC announced Friday that the show would end its historic 20-year run on May 24.

The show starred an ensemble cast of S. Epatha Merkerson, Jeremy Sisto, Anthony Anderson, Linus Roache, Alana De La Garza and Sam Waterston.

Even as it canceled the original "Law & Order," NBC announced a new drama in the "Law & Order"

franchise called "LOLA" ("Law & Order: Los Angeles"). It will also renew "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" for a 12th season.

NBC's full 2010-11 schedule will be officially released Sunday.

The abrupt end of "Law & Order" could be explained by sagging ratings and creative fatigue, but a renewal had been widely expected nonetheless. Then, on Thursday, a flurry of reports declared the series to be doomed. NBC refused to confirm the reports. Negotia-

tions were said to be continuing.

Jeff Gaspin, chairman of NBC Universal Television, said the legacy of "Law & Order" creator-producer Dick Wolf "will continue to make an impact like no other series before."

But the cancellation denies Wolf his long-held dream of surpassing "Gunsmoke" as TV's longest-running drama.

"Never complain, never explain," he said in a state-

## Round-the-world girl sailor in final countdown

SYDNEY – Australia's round-the-world schoolgirl sailor Jessica Watson began her final stretch to Sydney Friday, where she is expected to be greeted by ecstatic crowds as she ends a remarkable seven-month yoyage

Watson, 16, was treated to her first familiar face in more than 200 days when manager Bruce Arms sailed his catamaran to meet her in waters outside Sydney early Friday.

Arms, the teenage sailor's mentor, brought his boat close enough to blow Watson a kiss, but was careful to keep

his distance so she can preserve her claim as the youngest person to circumnavigate the globe solo and without help.

Watson said she was so excited about seeing Arms and sailing the last few miles (kilometres) into Sydney that she couldn't sleep.

"I can't believe how fast this last week has gone," the teenager wrote on her blog on Thursday night.

"Have I mentioned how excited I am? It's like the day before Christmas except I don't ever remember getting this excited about Christ-

She is expected to cross the finish line before noon Saturday and will take her first steps on land in almost seven months at the Sydney Opera House, three days before her 17th birthday and one month ahead of schedule.

Although the World Speed Sailing Council will not recognise Watson's record, as its minimum age is 18, the 210-day voyage will make her the youngest person to ever sail solo and non-stop around the world without help.

